Mr. C. Kumara Das: Mr. Menon has been placed on special duty to prepare report and to investigate certain industrial questions in regard to post-war reconstruction. He was sent on deputation to America and England before he was appointed on special duty. He met several people and firms of importance and high standing connected with industrial matters to explore the possibilities of increasing the electrical facilities to the State, and the development of industries. That special work has not been completed yet.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,300 under Demand II—Electricity and Telephone was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND IV—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EXCLUDING FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, LEGISLATIVE BODIES & LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 900 under Demand IV—General Administration excluding Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office, Legislative Bodies and Local Fund Audit Department.

This sum of Rs. 900 is required partly towards the T. A. and partly towards the enhanced honorarium for the T. C. S. Probationers that are undergoing training now. The T. C. S. Probationers had an honorarium of only Rs. 75 each fixed so far back as 1114. When there was the revision of pay of officers, the honorarium of the T. C. S. Probationers had not been taken up. The idea originally was as soon as the probationery period, namely two years in the first instance, which later on happened to be extended to 3 years for the purpose of giving intensive varied training was over and at the end of the 3 years period on the passing of the prescribed tests and examinations, they would be absorbed permanently in the grade starting on a minimum pay of Rs. 150. Thus they would have a special pay of Rs. 200 to 500 later on with efficiency bar in three stages. Therefore, the honorarium of the Probationers was fixed at Rs. 75 and later on during the pay revision, it rose from Rs. 200 to Rs. 500. The present running scale of the T. C. S. Probationers when absorbed in the service will be Rs. 200 to Rs. 500 with efficiency bar at three stages. So it was thought by Government that the honorarium ought to be raised to half that amount namely Rs. 100. That was done with effect from 1st Chingam 1121 and for that a sum of Rs. 550 is required additionally.

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The probationers now undergoing training are having their training in the various offices in the capital for three months and during the remaining three months they will have to go about touring and studying the work in various treasury and taluk offices and so forth. For that purpose, the sum of Rs. 200 is hardly sufficient and therefore an additional sum of Rs. 350 is required. That was not anticipated and could not have been anticipated. So I request the House would be pleased to grant this allotment.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Sir, I oppose the grant in order to criticise Government on the policy that has been recently adopted by them, say, during the last few months.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, on a point of order. The honourable member's position is not in order. He cannot discuss the general policy of the Department.

President: That cannot be done.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: May I put it to the House that this House has no right to vote on any particular demand? This House generally deals with the whole demand and not with particular items in the demand.

President: That is not correct. In dealing with the general budget, this House can vote for or against the grant as a whole. In so far as the supplementary grants are put before the House, those follow the rules which are set out in the Regulation which say that in regard to the discussion of supplementary grants, the particular matter relating to the grant can be dealt with.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I was suggesting to the Chair for consideration that in so far as this House has no right to consider any item by itself, it may not be considered as a whole demand.

President: I have to rule otherwise because the honourable members will see that the Sri Chitra State Council Manual provides for both. It provides at one place that in the voting on the budget, voting should be for the grant as a whole and not for individual items. The same rules also provide that supplementary grants should be placed before the House and the rules as to the discussion of supplementary grants are well known. The criticism can only be on individual items.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai. Even on the point raised by Mr. Joseph the rule is clear. Rule 74 says "General discussion and the voting of Demands for grants." When a vote is taken on supplementary grants, it has been clearly laid down throughout that only that particular demand shall be discussed.

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President: Section 77 (3) says as follows:

"Supplementary or additional estimates shall be dealt with by the Council in the same way as if they were demands for grants."

The rule is very clear. So a general discussion on policy is out of order.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I thought I heard the President to read that a particular demand could be discussed and.....

President: No discussion on general policy will be allowed but the policy underlying this particular demand will be allowed.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: General Administration?

President: Travelling Allowance to Probationers is all that can be discussed. Nothing else can be discussed.

The question that Government may be granted a sum of Rs. 900 under Demand IV—General Administration excluding Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office, Legislative Bodies and Local Fund Audit Department, for additional allotment on account of the payment of T. A. and honorarium to the T. C. S. Probationers for 1121, was put to the vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND V.—General Administration, Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office, Local Fund Audit Department and Divisional Accountants Apprentices.

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar: I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 7,900 under Demand V—General Administration, Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's office, Local Fund Audit Department and Divisional Accountants apprentices.

This amount is for the purchase of three additional comptometers. There are already five machines. Some of them are not in order. It is found inconvenient to wait till they are repaired, on account of the increase of work in the office. It is, therefore, proposed to purchase three more machines. I hope the House will be pleased to sanction the amount.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 7,900 under Demand V—General Administration—Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office, Local Fund Audit Department, Divisional Accountants Apprentices—was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

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